(a) whether any works were undertaken departmentally and not by the Panchayats concerned in 1108;

(b) if so, what are they?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No.

(b) Does notarise in view of answer to (a).

Location of toddy shops near public roads.

49. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is a rule that the toddy shops should be located 40 yards away from the public roads;

(b) how many toddy shops are there in the villages comprising the Velookara Panchayat and the exact distance of each from the public roads;

(c) was therea resolution of the Panchayat for the removal of the shops from the public roads;

(d) if so, willa copy of the resolution be placed on the table;

(e) did the Registrar of Panchayats send a reply to the Panchayat regarding same?

(f) if so, willa copy of the same be placed on the table of the House?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—(a) and (b). The rule is that toddy shops should, wherever possible, be located 40 yards, removed from public roads, and this rule is adhered to. There are 4 toddy shops. The distance of these shops from the road are given below:—

1.	Velookara	..	3 yards
2	Kottallur	..	4 yards
2	Avitathur	..	6 yards
4	Thumbur	..	6 yard

All these shops were in their present places before.

(c) Yes.

(d) A copy of the resolution is placed on the Table (*Appendix IX.*)

(e) Yes.

(f) A copy of the reply is placed on the Table (*Appendix X*).

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—May I know the reason why these toddy shops are located so near the public roads?

Mr. M. P. Cherian—There were no complaints against the location. They were in existence there since 1106 and there were no complaints.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Do the Government

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think that they should be removed in the interests of the public from those places?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—My information is that these shops do not cause any inconvenience to the public.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Has it not been brought to the notice of the Government?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Do not the Government think that the complaint of the Panchayat about the location of the shop in the present place as one from the public?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—I came to know of this only when the question was put by the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What action was taken on the resolution of the Panchayat?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—We made enquiries and it was found that the complaint of the Panchayat was exaggerated. I did not therefore think it necessary to address the Commissioner of Excise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Are we to take it that the resolution passed by the Panchayat is not a sufficient complaint for the removal?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I made personal enquiries and found that the complaint of the Panchayat was very much exaggerated.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it now the opinion of the Government that it does not cause any trouble at all?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I never said that. There may be some little disturbance and the disturbances spoken of in the resolution, I found, after local inspection, to be very much exaggerated, and that is why I did not write to the Commissioner.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Is it the opinion of medical men that toddy is a foodstuff?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—That is the opinion expressed by some of the Hon'ble Members of this House.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Official or non-official.

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Non-official.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Even women find it difficult to pass along that way. Is it exaggerated? Is it not a fact?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—It is very good if there is no toddy shop at all. But it is not very great inconvenience to those villagers. To the specific aspect of the matter, *viz.*, the inconvenience caused to the women folk in the neighbourhood, I can only say that there is no such inconvenience at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What was the nature of the enquiry?

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Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I went to the place and got the opinion of the people.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Did the Registrar visit the place in the afternoon of any day?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I went to the place between 3 and 5.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—And you were satisfied that the complaint in this resolution is an exaggerated statement?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I was satisfied. I questioned the Panchayat President and he was emphatic that the shop should be removed. He was one of the old picketers of toddy shops.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—May I know whether it was on the ground of the picketing tendency of the President or whether it was on the ground of the inconvenience experienced by the villagers that the Panchayat came to this conclusion?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—I do not believe that it was due to his picketing tendency that this resolution was passed.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—What is the approximate distance from the road to the toddy shop?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—About 8 or 10 yards from the brink of the road, not from the centre.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is there anything peculiar to this toddy shop?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Absolutely nothing peculiar.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph —May I know whether these shops are much smaller in size than those at Trichur and whether toddy shops are located nearer to public roads in Trichur than in these outlying villages?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—They are comparatively smaller.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Which is the nearest Police Station to these villages and what is the distance?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Irinjalakkuda—three miles. Some of the shops in Trichur are also three miles away from the Police Station, *e. g.*, Kokkalai.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is Kokkalai three mils away from Trichur?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—At least the Chiyaram shop is about three miles from the Police station.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Has there been any report about crimes?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No.

Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—How long are these shops in existence there?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Since 1105?

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Is there any practical difficulty for the removal of these shops?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—There is no practical difficulty. But the shop keepers will be put to heavy loss if they are shifted now.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any objection to remove it next year?

Mr. M. P. Cherian.—We shall try.

Supply of water for bathing purposes in Vadama Village.

50. Mr. Joseph Pettah.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any petitions or other representations from the people of Vadama village (Mukundapuram Taluk) praying for adequate water supply for bathing purposes;

(b) have not the Vadama Panchayat sent up resolutions to the Registrar of Village Panchayats and other authorities concerned, praying for the improving of the Mala tank so as to make it fit for people to bathe in during the hot season;

(c) has the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer (now the Chief Medical Officer) reported to the Government, recommending the construction of a well, instead of improving the Mala tank for purposes of bathing;

(d) are not the Government aware that one or two wells could not give the general public of the above village any adequate facilities for bathing in the hot season;

(e) have the people of Vadama or their Panchayat made representations to the authorities concerned that the construction of a well would be an extremely sorry substitute for a tank;

(f) have the Government up till now taken any action whatever in the matter; if so, will they be pleased to give some information about the same?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) Yes.

(f) It is proposed to make necessary provision for the work of the wells and bath rooms in the budget of 1110.

Police treatment of Satyagraha volunteers.

51. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

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APPENDIX VIII—(*cont.*)

Serial No.	Name of Panchayat	Name of work	Amount Rs.	A.	P.
156	Kolinjampara	Bailing out water—well—Travellers' Bungalow	10	0	0
157	Nalleppilli	Well—Kothamangalam	400	0	0
158	Pattancheri	Chakirikuzhi tank	35	0	0
159	,,	Pattanchery Panchayat Office and Moopankulam wells	50	0	0
160	,,	Vadakkekulam repair of	51	0	0
161	Nemmara	Well—Kombakallu	450	0	0
162	Ayilur	Parapet wall—well—Ayilur	35	0	0
163	,,	Land acquisition—foot path	217	0	0
164	Mundathikode	Culvert-junction of Athanical road	95	0	0
165	,,	R. C. posts-well—Mundathikode	13	0	0
166	,,	Fencing—breached portion—Athanical road	1	0	0
167	,,	Foot bridge-Parathodu	30	0	0
168	Choondal	Chowallur and Parappukavu chiras-Maintenance of	30	0	0
169	Panjal	Thanissery bridge	25	0	0

APPENDIX IX.

Resolution passed by the Velookara Panchayat at its meeting held on 15th Kanni 1109.

"ഈ പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ട വെള്ളക്കര, കൊറനെല്ലൂർ, തുമ്പൂർ, എന്നീ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ സ്ഥാപിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന കള്ളഷാപ്പുകൾ റൊഡുവക്കിലായിരിക്കകൊണ്ടു ഉച്ചതിരിഞ്ഞശേഷം ടി ഷാപ്പുകൾക്കടുത്തുള്ള റൊഡുകളിൽകൂടി ഗതാഗതം ചെയ്യുന്നതിനു പ്രത്യേകിച്ചു സ്ത്രീകൾക്കും കുട്ടികൾക്കും യാത്രചെയ്യുന്നതിനു പല അസൌകര്യങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടായികൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു ടിസ്ഥാപനങ്ങൾ അവിടെനിന്നും ചുരുക്കത്തിൽ അരനാഴിക ദൂരം എങ്കിലും ഉൾഭാഗത്തേക്കു മാറി സ്ഥാപിക്കുവാൻ വേണ്ടുന്ന നടപടികൾ നടത്തുന്നതിനു ഈ യോഗം റവന്യൂ അവർകളോടു അപേക്ഷിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു"

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